Chittorgarh bypass at NH-76

†1129. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that alignment and construction work of Chittorgarh bypass at National Highway No.-76 has not been completed as yet; and

(b) if so, by when the same would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The construction work of Chittorgarh bypass on National Highway No.-76 is in progress and is likely to be completed by April, 2008.

Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway

1130. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps that have been taken so far after declaration in Parliament regarding taking up the work of Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway;

(b) the phases of the planning and implementation;

(c) whether it is a fact that 30 m. wide land along the proposed alignment of Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway had been frozen by the State Government way back in 1991;

(d) if so, by when land acquisition would start; and

(e) the planning of Government for starting construction of proposed Expressway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The section of Vadodara-Mumbai (400 km.) has already been identified for development as Expressway. For the Vadodara-Mumbai section, action for appointing a consultant for Feasibility Studies was initiated. However, no proper response has been received so far from reputed consultancy firms.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The following are the phases of planning and development:—

Phase of planning/development	Approximate time
Alignment and feasibility	1 year
Land Acquisition (LA)	2 year
Invitation of bids and award of Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) concession	6 months
Financial close	6 months
Construction	3 and 1/2 years

(c) Government of Gujarat has frozen development along a corridor which could form part of Expressway alignment.

(d) Land Acquisition (LA) is expected to start after 1 year of starting of Feasibility Study.

(e) Construction can be taken up only after Land Acquisition (LA) is completed.

Road projects funded by CRF Organisation

1131. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing road projects funded by the Central Road Fund (CRF) Organisation in the country as on 31st January, 2007, State-wise;

(b) the details of estimated cost, funds sanctioned, released and actually utilized during the last three years, project-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of time-frame for completion of the above projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The State-wise details of ongoing road projects funded under Central Road Fund (CRF) are at Statement-I. (*See* below).